

A circular black ink stamp. The outer ring contains the text "OIP" at the top and "PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE" at the bottom. In the center, the date "NOV 20 2002" is stamped. A black dot is visible at the top edge of the stamp.

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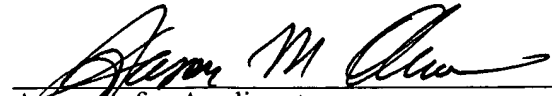
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

This Fourth Information Disclosure Statement is to submit a document, which, while not prior art, provides basic background information about low molecular weight gelators of the present invention.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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